

Remarks

All pending Claims 1 – 20 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). The reference relied upon by Examiner to reject the claims is U.S. 6,804,684 B2 issued to *Stubler et al.* In response to the Office action, Applicant filed a response on 7/13/05 and was thereby entitled to an advisory action. The advisory action was subsequently received. The amendment to the specification requested in the 7/13/05 filing was not made but is now to be included under standard RCE practice under 37 CFR 1.114. In the advisory action Examiner indicated that all claims continue rejected largely because the limitations on the invention, namely that the database statistics module is not part of the database, were not carried into the claims. Applicant has amended claims 1, 10, and 18 to reflect the limitations.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant submits that Claims 1-20 are patentably distinct over the reference and are in allowable form. Accordingly, the Applicant earnestly solicits the favorable consideration of the application, and respectfully request that it be passed to issue in its present condition.

Should the Examiner discern any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of the aforementioned claims that might be resolved or overcome with the aid of a telephone conference, he is cordially invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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